effective with a view to help to achieve the above policy options.

(v) Establish meaningful partnership and interface between forestry management and local communities including tribals.

The composition of the National Forest Commission includes full-time chairperson, member secretary and five part-time members.

(c) The Commission is likely to be in the place at the earliest as the decision to constitute it has already been taken.

Environmental Reports by States

2409. SHRI RK. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the State governments are not adequately sensitised to environmental concerns, and do not have even the basic data, necessary for analysis;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has asked the State Governments to prepare regular environmental reports;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have decided to provide help/assistance to State Governments; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) A plan scheme has been incorporated in the Tenth Five Year Plan to design and operationalise a participatory and scientifically rigorous State of Environment (SoE) Reporting System in India. An outlay of Rs. 6.00 crores has been provided for this scheme to assist the State Governments in this regard.

(e) Does not arise.